

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/EP 97/00691

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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is(are) directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal  
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